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1 Introduction

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In the following, we pay our attention to the special surface that we obtain if we let $a = c = 1$ and $b = d = 0$. This particular surface is the image of the plane $x - z = 0$ under the axial inversion and has the equation

$$x - (x^2 + y^2)z = 0 \quad (1)$$

and was first studied in [?].

Obviously, this surface allows two different parametrizations over nearly the same parameter domain $D = \mathbb{R}^* \times [0, 2\pi[$

2 The minimal surfaces

$$\mathbf{f}(u, v) = \Re \varphi(t) \quad (2)$$

of the uniquely defined real minimal surface on the scroll (γ, ν) .

With the spine curve γ given in (??) and the unit normal vector field ν described by (??), we can derive the parametrization(s) of the minimal surfaces tangent to MÜLLER's cubic surface. We use shorthand

$$c_x := \cos x, \quad s_x := \sin x, \dots, C_x := \cosh x, \quad S_x := \sinh x, \dots$$

together with the abbreviation $p := \sqrt{1 + q^4}$ and state:

Theorem 2.1. The one-parameter family of minimal surfaces touching MÜLLER's surface (??) along the ellipses (??) can be parametrized over \mathbb{R}^2 by

$$\mathbf{f}(u, v) = \frac{1}{6pq} \begin{pmatrix} 6pq^2 c_u C_v - 3(p^2 + q^4) c_u S_v + c_{3u} S_{3v} \\ 6pq^2 s_u C_v - 3(p^2 + q^4) s_u S_v + s_{3u} S_{3v} \\ 6c_u (S_v q^2 + p C_v) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

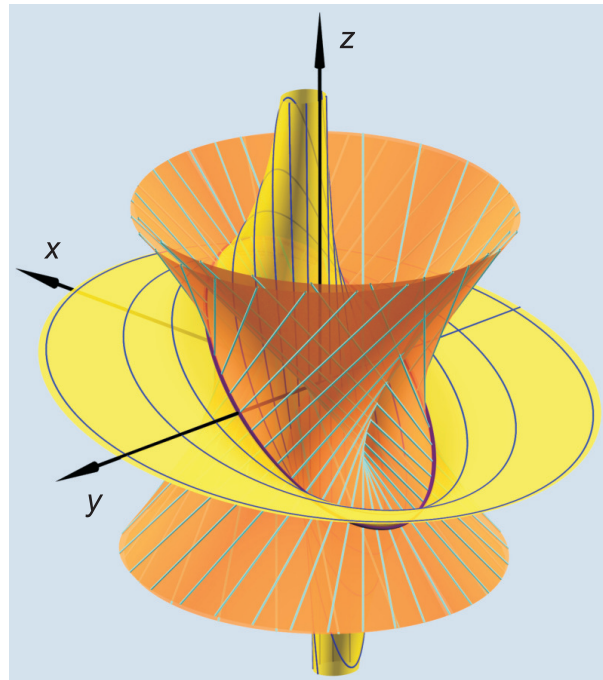


Fig. 1. The sextic ruled surface of normals along an ellipse.

Proof. We insert (??) and (??) into (??) and find the parametrization of the isotropic curve $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{6pq} \begin{pmatrix} 6pq^2c_t + 3i(p^2 + q^4)s_t - i s_{3t} \\ 6pq^2s_t - 3i(p^2 + q^4)c_t + i c_{3t} \\ 6(pc_t - iq^2s_t) \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

depending on the complex parameter t . Then, we replace t by $u + iv$ and extract the real part and obtain (??). \square

The curves $v = \text{const.}$ on the minimal surface have a very special shape:

Theorem 2.2. The u -curves (the curves with $v = \text{const.}$) on the minimal surfaces (??) are harmonic oscillation curves and appear as cycloidal curves in the top-view (orthogonal projection onto the $[xy]$ -plane).

Proof. We use the first and second coordinate function of $\mathbf{f} = (\mathbf{f}^1, \mathbf{f}^2, \mathbf{f}^3)$ from (??) and build the complex variable $w(t) = \mathbf{f}^1 + i\mathbf{f}^2$ which reads in full length

$$w(t) = qc_uC_v - \frac{1}{2pq}(p^2 + q^4)c_uS_v + \frac{1}{6pq}c_{3u}S_{3v} + \\ + i \left(qs_uC_v - \frac{1}{2pq}(p^2 + q^4)s_uS_v + \frac{1}{6pq}s_{3u}S_{3v} \right).$$

\square

Figure ?? shows the top-views of some of the harmonic oscillation curves on the minimal surfaces given in (??).

The following fact is worth to be noted and elementary to verify:

Lemma 2.1. The curves of constant Gaussian curvature on MÜLLER's surface are the ellipses given in (??) with $q \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

Proof. From (??) we compute the Gaussian curvature function on MÜLLER's surface and arrive at

$$K(q, t) = -\frac{4q^2}{(1 + q^4)^2}$$

which is obviously independent of t , and thus, constant along each ellipse for the corresponding fixed $q \in \mathbb{R}^*$. \square

3 The associate family

The parametrizations (??) of the minimal surfaces tangent to MÜLLER's surface (??) are obtained by extracting the real part of the isotropic curve (??). The imaginary part of $\varphi(t)$ (with $t = u + iv$) is given by

$$\mathbf{f}^\perp(u, v) = \frac{1}{6pq} \begin{pmatrix} -6pq^2 s_u S_v - 3(p^2 + q^4) s_u C_v - s_{3u} C_{3v} \\ 6pq^2 c_u S_v - 3(p^2 + q^4) c_u C_v + c_{3u} C_{3v} \\ -6s_u (q^2 C_v + p S_v) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

3.1 The intersection of MÜLLER's surface

The intersection with MÜLLER's surface (??) with the minimal surfaces (??) along its ellipses contains:

1. the six-fold y -axis (of the underlying Cartesian coordinate system),
2. the two-fold ellipse γ (??) (for any fixed $q \in \mathbb{R}^*$),
3. the three-fold pair of ideal lines of the complex conjugate pair of planes $x^2 + y^2 = 0$, and
4. the eighteen-fold ideal line of all horizontal planes (parallel to $z = 0$).

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